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INFO AMCONSUL BOMBAY

AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

AMCONSUL MADRAS

UNCLAS NEW DELHI 6789

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR IN

SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS OF CARTER - DESAI LETTER

REF: ND 6472

1. INDIAN EXPRESS GROUP ON THE MORNING OF MAY 10 CARRIED BYLINED STORY (KULDIP NAYAR) REPORTING PRIME MINISTER DESAI HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER SUGGESTING A "DIALOGUE." ONLY OTHER REFERENCE TO CONTENTS IS STATEMENT THAT CARTER PRAISED DESAI'S NACC SPEECH. REST OF ARTICLE DEALS WITH BACKGROUND ON RECENT AND PAST INDO-U.S. RELATIONS, AND ADDS THAT "REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON" SAY THE U.S. IS LIKELY SOON TO RESUME SHIPMENTS OF NUCLEAR FUEL TO TARAPUR.

2. LATER IN THE DAY SAMACHAR CARRIED A SOMEWHAT MIXED-UP AND SLIGHTLY MORE DETAILED VERSION WHICH WAS REPRINTED MAY 11 BY VIRTUALLY ALL MAJOR DELHI NEWSPAPERS. STORY SUGGESTS EARLY OPENING OF INDO-US DIALOGUE ON "STRENGTHENING RELATIONS". COMMENTING ON CONTENT OF CARTER LETTER, SAMACHAR CITES SALT NEGOTIATIONS AS AN UNCLASSIFIED

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ADDITIONAL TOPIC WITHIN THE LETTER.

3. IN AN UNSIGNED ARTICLE (PRESUMABLY WRITTEN BY THE PAPER'S COLUMNIST G K REDDY) MADRAS' HINDU ALSO COMMENTED ON THE LETTER, SAYING IT REFLECTS CARTER'S "NEW STYLE OF INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY." COMMENTARY SEES THIS NEW STYLE AS SEEKING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERIODIC

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS "WITH A SELECT GROUP OF WORLD LEADERS"  
AND ASSERTS PRIME MINISTER DESAI "IS THE ONLY THIRD WORLD  
LEADER" INCLUDED IN CARTER'S SELECT GROUP. NOTING  
FOREIGN TRIPS OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND SECRETARY  
VANCE, COLUMN CONCLUDES THAT THE NEXT STEP IN THIS  
"PERSONAL TOUCH" APPROACH IS THE "GENERAL ASSUMPTION"  
THAT VANCE "WILL PROBABLY PAY A VISIT TO DELHI FOR THE  
LONG OVERDUE SECOND MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE INDO-  
AMERICAN JOINT COMMISSION."

4. WE HAVE CONFIRMED TO INQUIRING JOURNALISTS THE FACT  
OF THE LETTER'S DELIVERY BUT HAVE DECLINED ANY COMMENT  
ON ITS POSSIBLE CONTENTS.SCHNEIDER

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